

POULTRY OFFERS FINE OPPORTUNITY STATES VISITOR

B. L. Calkins, of North Yakima, Washington, left on his return home this morning, after a few days' visit in Medford and the valley generally. Mr. Calkins is not looking for a new location for himself, having extensive interests in the Yakima valley in good condition; but his son, Geo. L. Calkins, recently married, would prefer a home in a more equable climate. On his account Mr. Calkins, Sr., stopped off here to gather a little data.

The Yakima visitor spoke particularly about our climate as a poultry region and of the poultry business as being one of the best side-lines on the farm devoted to diversified agriculture and a little livestock. He conceded that the climate of Southern Oregon is better adapted to the production of poultry at nominal cost than any region of which he has any knowledge, although the chicken business anywhere is an excellent means of increasing the farm revenues at small cost of money and labor.

The Home Poultry Flock
"Mrs. Calkins and two of the children have a little flock of egg producers," said Mr. Calkins, "and the results in profit on the labor and feed required have almost made me jealous—and I have Winesaps and Spitz-emburgs! From a flock of 300 Buff Lehighs they have sold this past year \$400 worth of eggs and \$80 worth of dressed poultry. They also have a number of turkeys, but they have only begun with them and I do not know what the result was this year. I know they sold 40 fat turkeys for Thanksgiving and have a few for the Christmas holidays.

"These chickens and turkeys are permitted to run in the orchards and the adjoining alfalfa fields. They are great pest consumers. They require very little additional feed the greater part of the year. They have a pile of crushed limestone to run to when they want anything in that line. This is not slaked lime, mind you. It is the pure limestone broken up fine or ground coarse.

"Considering the money they had invested and the attention required to manage it, my wife and two of the children made a larger profit this year than I did on my investment in fruit and hay—and I am not complaining of the results on my part of the ranch, either," said Mr. Calkins in conclusion.

The Hen Takes Blue Ribbon
"If I were interested in home-making in your valley, I would certainly take advantage of your resources in climate and soil for the production of chickens and turkeys. I found very little poultry while looking over your valley the past few days. I saw a few good flocks, well cared for, and good reports were made concerning the output. But generally the poultry feature of the farm appears not to have received much attention in this valley. It is a source of much profit on small investment. There is great demand for poultry products—and it is a demand that seldom fluctuates much. You can depend on the hen to produce a larger percentage of profit on her cost and the expense of keeping her on the farm than any other marketable creature on it."

BIG TRAVEL FOR CRATER PROMISED

The Hall Taxi company are already booking tourists to Crater lake for next season. The first big booking consists of fifty people on July 6 from Gillespie, Kimports & Baird. The round-trip fare from Medford to Crater lake is reduced to \$16.50 for next season. The end of the auto line on the Klamath side will be Kirk, ten miles nearer to Crater lake than Chiloquin. The fare from Medford to Kirk will be \$11.25; from Crater lake to Kirk, \$3.00.

The indications at present are that the Crater lake traffic will be very heavy for the 1916 season.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS OPPOSE WAR CREDIT

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The reichstag adopted today the credit of 10,000,000,000 marks asked by the government, the socialist minority of nineteen opposing the vote, according to a dispatch forwarded by Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam.

The socialist spokesman, Friedrich August Karl Geyer, according to the dispatch, declared that all endeavors for peace had failed because of the annexation ideas of both sides.

RAILROAD MEN TO BALLOT UPON EIGHT HOUR DAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Presidents of the four Brotherhoods of Railway Trainmen started work today preparing the ballot that is to be sent to the 400,000 employees of the 458 railroads in the United States, asking their approval of these demands:

An eight-hour day with the same wages now paid for working ten hours.

Time and one-half for working overtime.

These demands, completed by officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, will be mailed to every member of the four organizations on January 1, it was announced. They will be given sixty days in which to vote and return their ballots.

After all ballots have been returned officials of the four organizations will meet in Chicago, probably in April, to agree on a date for presenting the result of the vote to the railroads.

ZWIEDINEK VISITS STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Baron Erieh Zwiedinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, called on Secretary Lansing today to discuss the Ancona case. Baron Zwiedinek has been furnished a copy of the second note of the United States. It was believed that he desired information of an informal character. The charge is known to have received instructions from the Vienna foreign office regarding the negotiations.

It was authoritatively stated today that Baron Zwiedinek intimated last week to Secretary Lansing that should the second note be less severe his government might see fit to make a reply which would satisfy the United States. Today's conference, it was believed, had to do with this suggestion.

AMERICANS PLAN WORK RESUMPTION IN OLD MEXICO

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Americans having commercial in Mexico are preparing to resume the operation of their properties there in the belief that the revolution headed by General Villa is ended. Engineers already have been sent to Mexico by the Mines Company of America, which operates gold and silver mines in northern Mexico. The Monterey smelter of the American Smelting and Refining company is said to be intact and can be made ready to operate again by the first of the year.

Plans are being made to resume operations of the El Rayo mine in Chihuahua within a short time, it is said.

It was intimated today that the rebuilding of the National Railways of Mexico will not begin later than the first of February. Its rolling stock is said to be scattered and bridges and abutments neglected.

Before New York bankers advance funds for re-financing, the Mexican government may have to demonstrate that it can pay its debts. Exchange rates between Mexico and the United States is now in the ratio of 14 to 1 against Mexico.

PRUSSIAN LOSSES TOTAL 2,287,083

LONDON, Dec. 21.—"According to the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant, the Prussian lists of losses numbers 309 to 399 contain 42,504 names, making the total Prussian losses 2,287,083," says the Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company. He continues:

"There are besides 234 Saxonian, 315 Wurtembergian and 240 Bavarian lists, fifty from the navy and some lists of German officers and non-commissioned officers in the Turkish army. The paper adds that the lists are published in the form of small newspapers and comprise 19,610 small printed pages. Printed as a book they would form 45,000 pages, or 100 volumes of 450 pages each."



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